Supply of foodgrains to States

2394. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the additional quantum of foodgrains sought by Government under the National Food for Work Programme during 2005; and

(b) the action taken so far by Government for the supply of foodgrains and if not, what action has been taken alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No additional foodgrains have been sought by the Government of India under National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) during 2005-06.

(b) The allocated quantity of foodgrains is released to the Districts covered under NFFWP based on their allocated and submission of proposal after fulfilling prescribed conditions for release.

BPL Census

2395. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BPL census has been carried out in the States after 1997;

(b) if so, what are the results of the census, the State-wise estimates thereof; and

(c) if census figures are not available, what steps are being considered by Government with regard to issual of new BPL cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The BPL Census is conducted after every five years coinciding with the Five Year Plans. The Ministry had issued detailed guidelines to States/Union territories to conduct the BPL Census, 2002 for the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the results of BPL Census, 2002 could not be finalized because of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196 of 2001 in the matter of PUCL *vs* Union of India. On the advice of the Ministry of Law, the States/UTs have recently been asked

to finalise the BPL List based on BPL Census 2002 within a period of 3-4 months without violating the orders of Hon'ble supreme Court of India dated 5th May, 2003.

UNICEF's assistance for Rural Sanitation Campaign in Karnataka

2396. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Union Government with UNICEF has funded the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) in rural sanitation campaign in Karnataka;

(b) how many villages does this scheme cover and what would be the project cost and the funds released by the Centre;

(c) will this programme be interlinked with the "Nirmala Grama" Yojana;

(d) has Government noticed the observations made by UNICEF representative Michells St. Lot that only 22 per cent of entire nation has access to sanitation; and

(e) what are the initiatives Government has proposed to increase rural sanitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Information, Education & Communication (IEC) is an integral part of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects, which have been sanctioned by Union Government in all rural districts of Karnataka. Total project outlay of TSC projects in Karnataka is Rs. 325.03 crore. Share of Union Government, State Government and Community are Rs. 207.15 crore, Rs. 73.28 crore and Rs. 44.60 crore respectively. Union Government has so far released Rs. 64.37 crore to these Projects. In addition, Union Government has supported the State Communication and Capacity Development Unit (CCDU) for taking up IEC and capacity building activities in the State for which fund of Rs. 120.59 lakh was provided during 2004-05. UNICEF has also provided funds of Rs. 36.00 lakh for supporting CCDU during 2005.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal with the Union Government.